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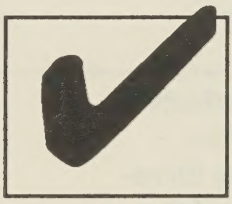

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| QUESTIONS SENT TO REP. & DEM. CANDIDATES | STATE REP. DISTRICT 15 Bruce Hoppe Democrat | STATE REP. DISTRICT 17 Daphne Greenwood Democrat | STATE REP. DISTRICT 17 Victor Mote Republican | STATE REP. DISTRICT 19 DonaldDavidson | STATE REP. DISTRICT 22 Michael Duncan Democrat | STATE REP. DISTRICT 22 Marcy Morrison Republican | STATE SEN. DISTRICT 10 Ray Powers Republican | STATE SEN. DISTRICT 12 Mary Anne Tebedo Republican |
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| **Do you believe that separation of church and state has gone too far in America today?** | No | No | Not necessarily. There seems to be a movement afoot to restrict anyone with religious beliefs from participating in state affairs. | No | No<br>The freedom to practice one's religion does not extend to the freedom to inflict that religion on others. | No | Yes | Yes |
| **Do you favor or oppose voluntary prayer in public schools?** | Oppose | Favor<br>Voluntary is fine, especially before exams. | Favor. A clear reading of the First Amendment can leave no doubt that this is protected behavior. | Favor<br>Voluntary is underlined. | Oppose<br>It would tend to blur the distinction between church and state. | Oppose | Favor | Favor |
| **Do you favor or oppose a school voucher system that allows public tax monies to be used for private or parochial schools?** | Oppose | Oppose | Favor. However, I would prefer a solution that would restrict private money from being used to fund public education. | Oppose | Oppose<br>Free, universal public education began in America. The voucher system is a threat to public education. | Oppose If it passes however, legislators must enact a system that doesn't break down the public school system. | Favor<br>With the exception of parochial schools, and I also believe standards should be established by the state. | Favor |
| **Do you believe students should be allowed to distribute religious literature in public schools?** | No | No | Yes. This is clearly protected First Amendment behavior. | Yes<br>First Amendment rights | Yes<br>Although perhaps not a pure "public forum," schools have a long history of free speech. | No<br>Material can be distributed in many other areas of the community. | No | No |
| **Do you favor or oppose limiting access to legal abortion? Please explain.** | Oppose<br>The existing Colorado law should remain intact. | Oppose | Favor. If a fetus is human life, it deserves fundamental protection under the law. | I favor a 24-hour waiting period. | Oppose<br>If we take away choice, then we are compelling a woman to bear a child. | Oppose<br>Government should not be intruding on a woman's decision. More education needed. | Oppose | Favor. Parental notification for minor girl. Waiting periods for abortion when no physical impairment afflicts woman. |
| **Do you favor or oppose ending the legal right to abortion in Colorado?** | Oppose | Oppose | Favor.<br>Same reasoning as in the previous question. | Oppose | Oppose<br>I would oppose any efforts to end a woman's right to choose. | Oppose | Oppose | We cannot illegalize abortion per se until U.S. Supreme Court rules unborn child has 14th Amendment rights. |
| **Do you favor or oppose Amendment 2, limiting gay and lesbian rights?** | Oppose | Oppose | Favor. Governments would be restricted from denying other groups their basic rights when negotiating with gays and lesbians. | Oppose | Oppose. It violates state and U.S. constitutions. It is just plain wrong. Government should not promote discrimination. | Oppose | Favor | Favor |
| **Do you favor or oppose the inclusion of sexual orientation in local anti-discrimination ordinances (covering only housing, exmployment, and public accommodation)?** | Favor | Depends on population and problems in each local community. | Oppose. For much the same reasoning as in the previous question. | Oppose | Favor<br>Real tolerance cannot be legislated, but legislation is a start. | Local communities individually should create their own public policy. This initiative could lead to further control by the state. | Oppose | Oppose |
| **Additional comments?** | | | | | | | | These issues are <u>not</u> the most important issues facing my constituents today. |

| QUESTIONS SENT TO ALL LOCAL CANDIDATES | COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 John Shannon Democrat | COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 Chuck Brown Republican | COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4 Bill Huddy Democrat |
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| **Do you believe that separation of church and state has gone too far in America today?** | No. I feel it is necessary to guard against efforts to close the separation. | Yes | I have some concerns about church involvement in the local political process, especially reports of packing precinct caucuses in an organized manner. It bears watching. |
| **Do you favor or oppose voluntary prayer in public schools?** | When I was in grade school, we were excused one afternoon to attend religious education classes at the church of choice. | Favor | Oppose |
| **Do you favor or oppose a school voucher system that allows public tax monies to be used for private or parochial schools?** | Oppose<br>It would increase the cost of education to taxpayers. | Favor | I strongly oppose a proposed school voucher system. Reform should take place within existing parameters. Vouchers could lead to separate & unequal forms of education. |
| **Do you believe students should be allowed to distribute religious literature in public schools?** | No<br>There are plenty of places to pass out literature other than at school. | No | No |
| **Do you favor or oppose limiting access to legal abortion? Please explain.** | Oppose. The ultimate decision is up to the woman. A human being has as much right to be loved and nurtured as to be born. | Favor. Abortion is a private decision that should be made by the individual directly affected and government should not be involved. | Oppose |
| **Do you favor or oppose ending the legal right to abortion in Colorado?** | Oppose<br>See above answer | See above answer. | Oppose |
| **Do you favor or oppose Amendment 2, limiting gay and lesbian rights?** | Oppose. No. 2 would take away constitutional rights for a group of citizens that are difficult to define, like witches in earlier times. | Favor | It's bad legislation. It's a lifestyle question and has no reason to be there. We should all have the very basic freedom to choose how we are to live. |
| **Do you favor or oppose the inclusion of sexual orientation in local anti-discrimination ordinances (covering only housing, exmployment, and public accommodation)?** | Favor. When evidence shows there is discrimination. | Oppose | I support equal rights for everyone, but do not believe sexual orientation should be a factor in such local ordinances. |
| **Additional comments?** | Freedom is a continual battle. We give some up and we gain some. Responsibility should be emphasized along with freedom. | | I support current court rulings on abortion. However, this issue can cloud or distract voters on real issues facing county government. |

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